GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:84
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PROMOTION OF DRY LAND FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a special programme for `Dry Land Farming` in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the various works/projects undertaken by the Government under the said programme for promoting dry land farming in arid and semi-arid regions of the country, State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 84 DUE FOR REPLY ON 5TH MARCH, 2007.

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Agriculture is contemplating a new scheme `Enhancing Sustainability of Dryland Farming Systems` to enhance the agricultural production in dryland areas in identified arid and semi arid districts in seven States viz. Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Karnataka. The list of districts identified on the basis of rainfall, moisture index and irrigation coverage is given at Annexure. The scheme focuses on rainwater harvesting and its efficient utilization, in-situ moisture conservation, use of organic manures, alternative land use and adoption of improved dryland farming technologies. An allocation of Rs. 200.00 crore (B.E.) has been made in the Annual Plan 2007-08.